

REMARKS

The preliminary amendment adds new claims 9–18 to claims 1-8 that had previously issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,300,810. Upon entry of the amendment, 1–18 will be pending in the reissue application.

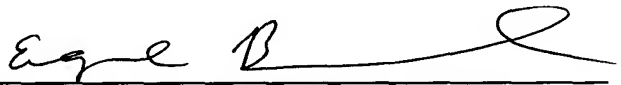
New claims 9-14 depend from independent claims 8. Support for claims 9-12 may be found at column 5, lines 3-21. Support for claim 13 may be found at column 5, lines 22-45. Support for claims 14-15 may be found at column 5, line 65 – column 6, line 19.

New claims 16-18 depend from claim 1. Support for claims 16-18 may be found at column 5, lines 3-21. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Claims 1–18 are believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the telephone number listed below.

A reissue filing fee is enclosed with the preliminary amendment and no other fees are believed to be required. Should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account 50-1123.

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